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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed patent documents are also enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no Statement, Petition, or Fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to

charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 2000-147832 and 6-242630 are discussed at least at page 4, lines 14 through 25 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document No. 2001-201931 is discussed at least at page 10, line 18 through page 11, line 7 and page 12, lines 14 through 24 of the specification. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0009624 A1 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 2001-201931.

Japanese Patent Document No. 2000-310884 is discussed at least at page 10, lines 14 through 17 and page 11, line 19 through page 12, line 8 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 6,197,470 B1 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 2000-310884.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 7-281478, 2000-284522, and 6-230604 are discussed at least at page 10, lines 3 through 13 and page 11, lines 8 through 18 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 5,466,555 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 7-281478.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	

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